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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Scott Borland

Application No.: 09/822,573

Filed: March 30, 2001

For: APERTURE PLATE AND  
METHODS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION  
AND USE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7223

Examiner: Christopher S. Kim

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3752

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.